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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Legislation Division

FROM: [redacted] STAT
Legislation Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Defector Citizenship Legislation

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1. On March 15, 1985, I met with Deborah Owen, General Counsel (to the Majority), Senate Judiciary Committee. The subject of our meeting was the defector citizenship legislation. (You will recall that I raised the subject with her several days ago).

2. At our meeting, I gave her a copy of the draft legislation the "Foreign Intelligence Source Improvement Act", I repeated my earlier statement that this provision had been cleared as a separate bill by the Office of Management and Budget and that it would most likely be included in the proposed Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal year 1985, whenever that legislation cleared OMB coordination and was sent to the Congress.

3. I noted that it did not appear the Act would clear OMB in time for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to consider it prior to that Committee's requirement to introduce a bill to accompany its production of budget figures. As a result, it appeared that the SSCI would introduce a "clean" authorization bill. I believed, however, that the SSCI supported this legislation and thus that it might be included in the final version of the authorization bill, either as a committee substitute or a committee floor amendment. I made it clear that by providing Ms. Owen with a copy, we did not intend to force the SSCI's hand: Gary Chase, Chief Counsel, SSCI, was aware of our intentions. Our only purpose was to bring the matter to her attention and obtain an informal reading of the Bill by the Senate Judiciary Committee with particular regard to whether that Committee would seek to obtain referral of an intelligence authorization bill which contained such a provision.

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4. Ms. Owen accepted copies of the legislation. She indicated she would review the matter with the staff attorney who handles immigration matters, (most likely the staff attorney for the Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Policy) and get back to me. She also indicated that she would be in touch with Gary Chase.

5. I thanked her for her efforts.

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